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Statement by State Superintendent Burmaster on the formation of the Special Committee on School Safety

Burmaster thanks Senator Fred Risser and Representative Steve Wieckert for advancing her request

MADISON—State Superintendent Elizabeth Burmaster issued the following statement on the Special Committee on School Safety approved by the Joint Legislative Council.

"I thank the Joint Legislative Council, chaired by Senator Fred Risser and Representative Steve Wieckert, for advancing my request for the formation of a Legislative Council Special Committee on School Safety.

"I look forward to working with the committee, lead by Senator John Lehman, chair, and Representative Don Pridemore, vice-chair, to improve school safety, identify best practices that maintain and foster a safe and secure physical and learning environment, and promote interagency coordination. We must support the work that occurs daily in our schools to build safe climates where all students feel valued and a part of the school community."

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NOTE: Additional information can be found electronically at the Joint Legislative Council web site: http://www.legis.state.wi.us/lc/committees/jointcouncil/files/2008/march9 08 publicmb jlc.pdf.